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2. MAPS: Both Polish and Russian made maps were used by pilots and navigators of the Division. Maps with the scale 1/200,000 were either Polish or Russian and maps with a scale of 1/500,000 were Polish only. Polish maps were made by the WOJSKOWY INSTITUT GEOGRAFICZNY and grids were overprinted by a map office in WARSAW. Pilots were given a complete set of maps of Poland. When not in

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use, these had to be turned in and were locked up in a safe, the safe sealed each night and the door to the office containing the safe also locked and sealed. A map of the entire Baltic area had been put up on one wall. This map had a line made by dirty finger marks on it, the line following the route from OKSYWIE Airfield to Sweden. 1.

FLAG, FLARE AND RADIO SIGNAL PROCEDURES: Ground flag signals were as follows: Red flag held over head - halt, or do not land. White flag held over head, then at the side parallel to ground - go ahead, or land. Flags crossed overhead - switch off motors. One flag waved in rotating motion - start motors. Two flags held out at sides parallel to earth - advance toward me. Ground flare signals used day or night were as follows: Red flare - do not land, or flights beginning. Two red flares - flights completed. Red flare fired into the path of a person or vehicle - do not advance further. At night only, three white or green flares fired in quick succession - all aircraft land. A searchlight beam thrown straight upward and moved in circles meant all aircraft land.

Call signs were assigned according to type of airplane and these call signs were changed every month. Each pilot was assigned a number, which was not changed. Pilots were not told each other's number, which was known only by the individual pilot and his superiors in command. A typical call sign might be Tiger 33, which would mean a YAK-9-P, flown by pilot number 33. Pilot numbers of pilots in the Division which were known by source were from 71 to 82 inclusive.

During combined operations with ships of the Polish Navy, pilots could communicate by radio with the ships, but this was done only in an emergency. Ordinarily the communication channel was from aircraft to airfield to ship.

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DIVISION AREA OF OPERATIONS: The area of operations assigned to the Division included all the area within a radius of fifty kilometers of OKSYWIE Airfield. The same size area was assigned to each military airfield, and all training was carried on inside that area, except for cross country flights, when all fields in the line of flight were notified. knew of no defense plans based on this area of operations system.

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FESULTS OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRING PRACTICE BY POLISH NAVAL VESSELS:

flew an aircraft towing a target

sleeve for anti-aircraft firing practice by various Polish Naval

vessels around HEL PENINSULA. He flew at an altitude of 600

meters and a speed of 120 kilometers per hour. Only 12.7 mm

machine guns were fired during these practices. When several

ships took part, the tips of the rounds were painted a different
color for each ship. In an hour's firing by one ship, the
average number of hits on the sleeve was between five and ten.

could not estimate the percentage of hits.

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A TYPICAL POLISH NAVAL PILOT: The typical Polish Naval pilot is a young man of 26 who has been flying for about three years. He has a high school education and received above average grades in school. He is 5'8" tall, weighs 155 lbs and is athletically inclined. He has an award signifying that he has completed a number of feats of athletic prowess which require better than average physical condition. He is married, but has no children and his wife has a job. Despite his favored economic position, he is not well paid by our standards and has no automobile nor even a motorcycle. He receives between 850 and 900 zloty per month, which is not enough to buy his wife a new outfit. He has been raised as a member of the Catholic church, but does not now attend services, except on special occasions.

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He is a member of the Polish Communist Party, since this is a requirement for entrance into flight school, but unless he is ambitious he is not an active member. He has thought about trying to defect to the West, but fears for the safety of his relatives if he does so.

He smokes "Wczasowe" cigarettes, the national brand, and is a moderate drinker of vodka. His favoritehobby is likely to be hunting.

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